

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Where claims have been amended, deletions are indicated by brackets [], and additions are indicated by underlining:

In the claims:

1.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended): Apparatus for securing a tissue fold within a patient, the apparatus comprising:
a plication apparatus adapted to form a tissue fold within a patient; and
an anchor assembly having proximal and distal anchors connected by a length of suture,

wherein the anchor assembly is adapted for adjustment of the length of suture disposed between the proximal and distal anchors while the anchor assembly is disposed across the tissue fold;

further comprising an anchor delivery system adapted to deploy and secure the anchor assembly across the tissue fold;

wherein the anchor delivery system comprises a flexible delivery tube having a lumen, and a needle disposed within the lumen;

wherein the distal anchor is disposed within the needle during delivery;

~~The apparatus of claim 10,~~ wherein the anchor delivery system further comprises an anchor tube coupled to a distal region of the flexible delivery tube, and wherein the proximal anchor is disposed within the anchor tube during delivery.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended): Apparatus for securing a tissue fold within a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a plication apparatus adapted to form a tissue fold within a patient; and

an anchor assembly having proximal and distal anchors connected by a length of suture,

wherein the anchor assembly is adapted for adjustment of the length of suture disposed between the proximal and distal anchors while the anchor assembly is disposed across the tissue fold;

further comprising an anchor delivery system adapted to deploy and secure the anchor assembly across the tissue fold;

wherein the anchor delivery system comprises a flexible delivery tube having a lumen, and a needle disposed within the lumen;

wherein the distal anchor is disposed within the needle during delivery;

wherein the anchor delivery system further comprises an anchor pushrod in communication with an interior of the needle, the anchor pushrod adapted to eject the distal anchor from the needle;

~~The apparatus of claim 14~~, wherein the anchor pushrod is further adapted to reversibly trap the suture to facilitate adjustment of the length of suture disposed between the proximal and distal anchors, and wherein the anchor pushrod is adapted to release the suture after the length of suture has been adjusted.

16.-21. (Cancelled)